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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PLACING ~~LOOSE~~ SHEET PRODUCTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51(b), 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith.

**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION NOT LISTED ON
ACCOMPANYING FORM PTO-1449 SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION**

International Search Report established in International Application PCT/EP00/08699 filed on 6 September 2000 of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
(NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS ONLY)

All of the documents except DE 43 28 136 are in the English language and the relevancy of the English language documents is self-evident.

DE 43 28 136 relates to an apparatus for packaging printed matter, the sole purpose of which is the stacking and strapping of the printed matter. The apparatus is not used for depositing sheet material, in particular, not for depositing loose or strapped sheet material.

STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS

Translations of the non-English documents are not available to Applicants' Attorney.

STATEMENT OF TIMELINESS

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits received by Applicants in the above-identified application, and therefore no fee is necessary.

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

Respectfully submitted,
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